SENATE BILL 2723

By Burchett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55 and Title 56, relative to insurance for motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-101, is amended by adding the following new, appropriately designated subsection:

(_) The commissioner shall not issue a registration for a vehicle unless the owner of the vehicle provides evidence of financial responsibility as required in § 55-12-139.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-12-139, is amended by deleting the sentence "Any violation is a Class C misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100)." in subsection (c) and substituting instead the language "Any violation is a Class B misdemeanor punishable only by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500)."

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.